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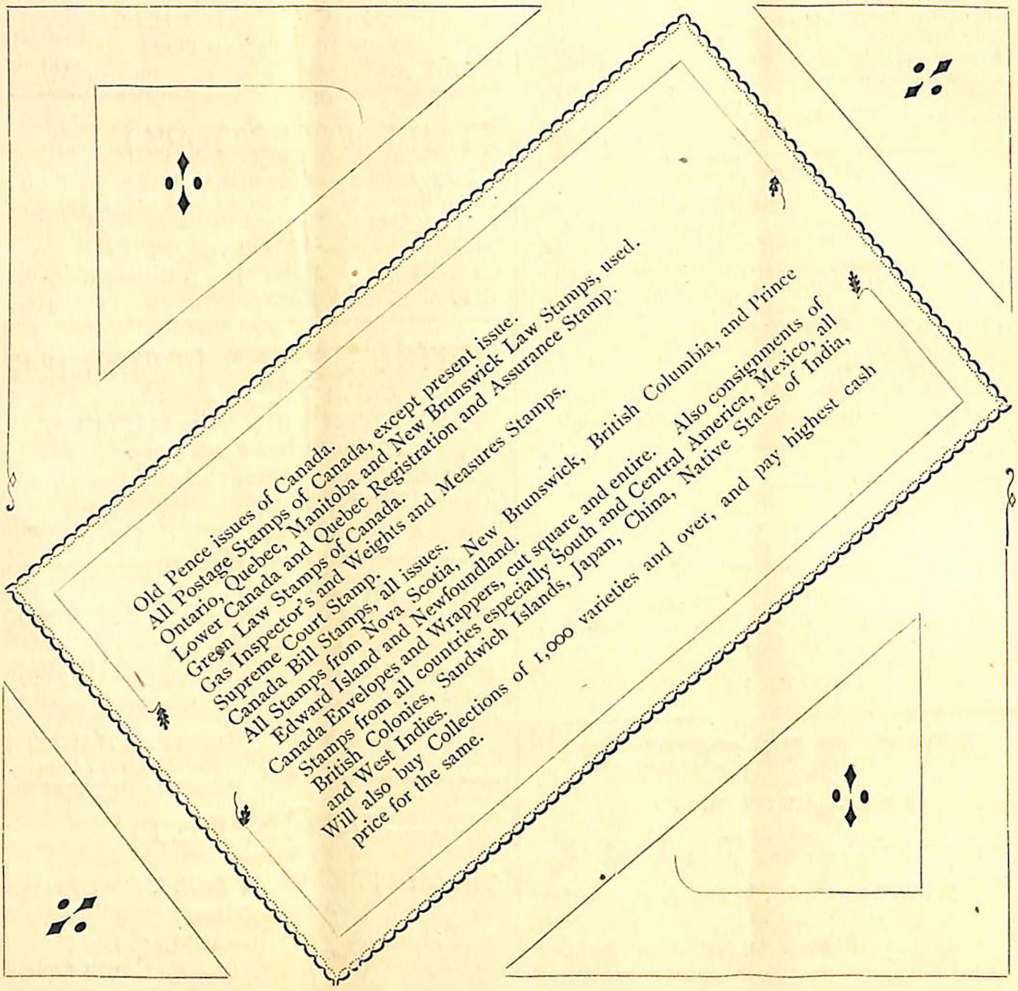
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BY "YOUNG CANADA."

—Three members resigned during January.

—We are to have a rate of 3 cts. per ounce on letters, after July 1st.

—J. A. Leighton, Librarian has resigned his membership in the C.P.A.

—Only three applications for membership last month! What's the matter?

—The 90th Auction Sale of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., takes place on March 5th and 6th.

—We like the tone of President Hechler's inaugural address, and wish him a successful term of office.

—Collectors who contemplate buying an album should read carefully the ad. on the last page of this journal.

—We wish to exchange with every Philatelic paper published. Send two copies and we will do the same.

—The Canada five cent Registration Stamp is sometimes met with unperfected, and in this condition is quite rare.

—This paper is published on the 25th of each month, and all matter for the next number must reach us before March 15th.

—The American Philatelist comes to hand as regular as clock work. The Feb. number is full of interesting reading and useful information.

—We have received Henry Gemmel's price list of packets and sets. It consists of 12 pages and contains many bargains. Send for one.

—The "Collector's Ledger" for Jan. contains the portrait of our worthy Treasurer, Mr. H. L. Hart, together with a short sketch of his philatelic career.

—An international Stamp Exhibition will be held in Amsterdam, on April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, at which a number of medals and other prizes will be given.

—We will give this paper one year for any of the following :—20 5 cent Register Stamps; 20, 10 or 15 cent stamps; 20 1 or 3 cent envelopes, entire or cut square, or 30 Canada Wrappers, cut square.

—Mr. Geo. Walker, Vice-President of Ontario, is one of Peterborough's best curlers, and in a recent match between that town and Toronto for the Jubilee Medal, he was one of the players. It is needless to say his side won.

—Mr. H. S. Harte, the Vice-President of N.B., is spending the winter in Montreal. He has been compelled through ill-health to give up his ministerial duties for the time being, and is now devoting his entire time to his stamp business.

—Every member of the C. P. A. should bear in mind that the succsss of the Association does not all depend on the officers, but to a large extent on the individual efforts of its members. Let every member try and secure one or more new members this year.

—There are a number of approval sheet swindlers and all names of such should be sent to the Executive Committee, and they, after careful investigation, should have the names of such swindlers published in the official Organ from time to time, to protect the members of C. P. A., and the public at large.

—We have been informed that on Jan. 24th the New Brunswick Philatelic Association was formed with the following officers :—President, A. N. Hanson; Vice-President, A. Watson; Librarian, F. Allwood; Treasurer, J. H. Pattison; Secretary, H. R. Donohoe; Auctioneer; T. Barker; Counterfeit Detector, A. W. D. Knapp. This is a step in the right direction, and we wish you success.

—Mr. Pearson Hill has been kind enough to send us "The Origin of Postage Stamps," and other pamphlets written by him, defending his father, Sir Rowland Hill, against the attack of P. Chalmers. They are well written, and the facts of the case, as recorded by him, firmly establishes his father's claims, and we believe that every one who carefully reads and weighs both sides of the question will decide as we have done.

THE TWO ADA'S.

Recently two young ladies, both named Ada, joined one of our Philatelic societies and in order to distinguish them apart, one was called *Can*-Ada and the other *Gren*-Ada.

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We will give this paper for one year, and Ketcheson's Catalogue of Canada Postage and Revenue Stamps, (2nd edition) both for 35cts., to all who remit for same before 1st day of April.

Will also give this paper for one year in clubs of five or more for 10 cents; that is five subscriptions for 50 cents.

We would also call the attention of dealers to our columns as an advertising medium. This paper reaches 1,000 live collectors every month; about 500 go to collectors in Canada, 300 to those in the U.S., and the remainder to foreign countries and exchanges.

Our rates are very low, and if you wish to increase your trade in Canada, advertise with us.

Canada is a large field, with but few dealers and many collectors, and if you improve the opportunity and advertise now, you will be sure to be well repaid. Give us a trial ad.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF MY DUPLICATES.

We have received a number of queries, asking the best way for a collector to get rid of his duplicate stamps. Our answer is, through the exchange departments of Philatelic Associations. To collectors living in Canada, or in the U.S. too, for that matter, the C. P. A. is the channel through which to work them off and get other good stamps to add to your collection.

All who have tried this way have been more than satisfied with the result.

If you are not a member of the C.P.A. why join at once, then send to the Superintendent of Exchange, Mr. F. J. Grenny, of Brantford, and get a supply of blank sheets, place your duplicates on them and return them to him, and he will send you books containing sheets of stamps, sent in by some one else, from which you can select just such ones as you may want. Try it; it is better than giving away your duplicates to dealers.

Of course if you want cash, sell them to a dealer, but be sure you sell them to one who is reliable and will pay you.

CANADIAN STAMPS AT AUCTION.

It is a noticeable fact that at the auction sales held in New York and elsewhere, while most stamps are sold far below their catalogued price, that Canada stamps, especially the pence issues, almost always bring full catalogue prices, and in many cases more.

The 10 pence has brought as high as $3.00; the 7½ pence, $5.00; the sixpence perfected, $6.00; and the sixpence unperfected, $2.00.

Those prices may be taken as the actual value of these stamps.

CANADA AND ITS POSTAGE STAMPS.

BY "KANUCK."

Occupying the northern part of the continent of America, is a country which is destined some day to become one of the most populous and prosperous countries on the face of the globe. It extends from the Atlantic ocean on the east to the Pacific on the west, and reaches from the mighty St. Lawrence, and the chain of great lakes, on the south, to the Arctic ocean on the north. This immense tract of land contains about 3,500,000 square miles, and is equal in size to the whole of Europe. The soil is very fertile, and millions of acres are yet uncultivated; it is also rich in minerals and timber, and the rivers lakes and forests abound with fish and game. The population is about 6,000,000, and they are a hardy, industrious and prosperous people. In support of this statement we have only to look at the immense progress they have made during the last few years, and at the gigantic public works they have undertaken and carried to a successful issue, chief of which is the Canadian Pacific Railway, a great highway extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, a distance of over 3,000 miles, and binding together with an iron band the several provinces.

The Government holds out many inducements to intending settlers, giving them free grants of land, and assisting in many other ways. It has a first-class postal system, and the money-order and savings bank branch is said to be the most complete in the world.

To most of our readers the postage stamps of this country will be of more interest than the people or anything else connected with it. Being a British colony, for many years the Post Office Department was controlled by the Post Master General of Great Britain, but in 1851 Canada was given control of her own postal system, and one of the first acts, after the change, was the issuing of postage stamps. They were of three denominations, 3 pence, 6 pence, and 12 pence, and were engraved and printed in New York. They may be described as follows:—The 3 pence is oblong in shape, and has in the centre a beaver surmounted by a crown, and the letters "V.R." Around this, in an oval horizontal frame, is the inscription in capital letters of "Canada Postage," "Three Pence," and in each corner the figure "3." Color, red and red brown. The 6 pence has the picture of the Prince Consort, in perpendicular oblong frame, with the inscription "Canada Postage" above, "Six Pence" below, and a figure "6" in each corner. Color, purple and black lilac. The 12 pence is a very rare stamp, and was evidently an error on the part of the designer, as stamps representing the same value for other countries are issued as "One Shilling" and not "12 pence." This stamp bears a crowned head of Queen Vicioria, facing to left, enclosed in a perpendicular oval frame, "Canada Packet Postage," at top, "Twelve Pence" at bottom, value in figures at each corner; color, black. In 1855 another stamp was issued, viz., the 10 pence. It was ornamented with the head of Jacques Cartier, facing to right, in perpendicular oval frame; "Canada Postage" above, "Ten Pence" below, "8d. stg.," in both upper corners, "10d. cy," in both lower corners. Color, deep blue.

In 1857 two other stamps were issued viz., the half-penny, and seven pence half-penny. The half-penny has head of Queen Victoria to left in oval frame, "Canada Postage" above, "One Half Penny" below; color, pink. The 7½ pence bears a picture of Queen Victoria similar to that on the 12 pence, in oval frame, "Canada Packet Postage" above, "Six Pence, Sterling" below; "6d stg," in the upper and lower left hand corners, 7½d. cy," in the upper and lower right hand corners; color, green. The above stamps were all unperforated.

In 1858 the half-penny, 3 pence, and 6 pence were issued, perforated.

In 1859, owing to the changing of the currency from £. S. D. to $ and cts., a new set of stamps was issued, consisting of five values, the designs of these stamps being the same as the previous issue, the value of each being expressed in cents; the 1 cent same design as the half-penny, the 5 cents same as 3 pence, the 10 cent same as 6 pence, the 12½ cent same as

7½ penny, and the 17 cent same as the 10 pence. All were all perforated.

In 1864 a two cent stamp was issued, bearing head of Queen to left, in oval frame, "Canada Postage" above, "Two Cents" below, and a figure "2" in each corner. In 1867 the Dominion of Canada was formed, and in 1868 a new set of stamps was issued, of the following denominations, they all, with one exception, being of similar design, though of different denominations: ½ cent, black; 1 cent, brown red; 2 cent, green; 3 cent, red; 6 cent, brown; 12½ cent, blue; and 15 cent, violet, and may be described as follows:—Head of Queen Victoria to right, in circle; "Canada Postage" above. Value in figures and letters at bottom.

In 1869-70 another set of stamps was issued of same designs as previous issue but somewhat smaller in size, the denominations being the same, with the addition of a ten cent pink.

In 1875 three denominations of registered stamps were issued, two cent orange; 5 cent, green; and eight cent, blue. They were oblong in shape, having value printed in letters across each end; the value in figures, in both upper corners and across the face of the stamp, is various sized type; the words "Canada Registered Letter Stamp."

In 1879 the stamp was issued called "Officially Sealed" stamp; it was used in the dead leter office at Ottawa only, was brown in color, and had the following inscription printed in two curved and one straight line across it, "Post Office, Canada, Officially Sealed, Dead Letter Office."

SOME OF THE RULES.

HINTS TO BE OBSERVED WHEN MAILING LETTERS, PAPERS, etc.

(From Official P. O. Guide.)

When posting letters, etc., to be registered, always ask for certificate of registration.

Fasten the covers of newspapers firmly, so as to prevent them from slipping out.

When posting a registered letter or packet, always obtain a receipt for the same at the office where posted.

When dropping a letter or newspaper into a letter-box, always see that the packet falls into the box, and does not stick in its passage.

In cities where free delivery by letter carrier has been established, attach letter-boxes to the doors of offices and private residences so that the letter carrier may not be delayed.

Never send money or other articles of valne through the Post Office, except either by means of money order or a registered letter. Carefully secure every letter or packet containing money or value, first with gum and afterwards with good sealing-wax, on which make the clear impression of a seal.

Avoid using cheap envelopes, made of thin (or of coarse *poor*) paper, especially where more than one sheet of paper is enclosed. Being often handled, and even in the mail bag being subject to pressure, such envelopes not unfrequently split open, thereby giving cause of complaint against officials entirely innocent.

See that every letter, newspaper, or other packet sent by post, is securely folded and sealed. Every such packet has to be several times handled; and even when in the mail bag is exposed to pressure and friction. Unless, therefore, the articles be light and pliant, it should be enclosed in strong paper, linen, parchment, or some other material which will not readily tear or break.

Never seal letters for the East and West Indies, and other hot climates, with wax. Such a practice is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury, in consequence of the melting of the wax and the adhesion of the letters to each other. In all such cases, use either wafers or gum, and advise your correspondents in the countries referred to to do the same.

Letters addressed to initials or to fictitious names cannot be delivered, but will be returned to the writers through the Dead Letter Office, unless the address contains a destinated place of delivery: thus, a letter addressed A. B., Post Office. Ottawa, would be returned to the writer; but a letter addressed A. B., care of John Jones, box No. 786, or No. 650, *Russell Street*, would be delivered at the address designated.

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1859,	1 cent	2 "
"	5 "	2 "
"	10 "	5 "
"	12½ "	12 "
"	Set of 4	18 "
1868,	½ cent	2 "
"	1 " red	5 "
"	1 " yellow	3 "
"	2 "	2 "
"	6 "	2 "
"	12½ "	8 "
"	15 "	8 "
"	Set of 8 var.	28 "
1868,	3 cent. Laid paper	$1 00
1870,	set 8 var.	0 08
1877,	Reg. 8c., 5c. and 2c. set	0 30
	5 varieties Wrappers	0 10
	2 varieties Envelopes	0 03
	9 varieties Post Cards, unused	0 60
	1st issue Bill, 5 varieties	0 25
	2nd " 6 "	0 25
	3rd " 8 "	0 10
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